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SUBJECT: CPC/WODECO IV PLANS TO DRILL EXPLORATORY WELLS

35 MILES NW OF SENKAKUS

REF: STATE 294455

1. AT MEETING WITH ECON COUNS AND COM ATT DECEMBER 23, 1975, JERRY HU, PRESIDENT OF CHINESE PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CPC) REFUSED EITHER TO CONFIRM OR DENY CPC PLANS TO DRILL NEAR SENKAKUS. ACCORDING TO HU, CPC HAS ONLY SO MUCH MONEY AVAILABLE FOR EXPLORATION AND IT MUST BE USED WHERE RESULTS SEEM THE MOST PROMISING. CURRENT PLANS FOR 1976 ARE TO GO AHEAD WITH ADDITIONAL DRILLING OFF KAOHSIUNG IN COOPERATION WITH CONOCO AND OFF LU-KONG (WEST OF TAICHUNG) IN CPC CONCESSION. TEST WELL AT LATTER SITE WAS ENCOURAGING. WHILE ONLY TRACES OF OIL WERE FOUND GEOLOGY OF STRUCTURE TYPICAL OF OTHER AREAS WHERE MAJOR FIELDS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED. AS FOR SENKAKUS, IT IS ONE OF SEVERAL POSSIBLE AREAS IN WHICH CPC HAS AN INTEREST.

2. EMBASSY WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH CPC AND LOCAL WODECO REPRESENTATIVE.

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